provide level crossings over tracks;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed in this regard; and

(c) the zone—wise number of level crossings to be constructed during 1991—92

THE MINISTER SOF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). On new lines, level crossings are provided in consultation with the concerned State Government at the time of laying the line as also in subsequent 10 years. Thereafter, the level crossings are provided only if sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority duly consenting to bear the initial as well as recurring expenditure.

(c) Central Railway —4, Northern Railway—6, North Eastern Railway —2.

Microphosphate Project in Hazira

3135. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN;
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Microphosphate project in Hazira, Gujarat has since been shut down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re—open it;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Spare Parts for Vayudoot Grounded Aircraft

3136. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the aircraft of the Vayudoot grounded due to lack of spare parts;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to procure spare parts for all the grounded aircraft to make them operational; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Three HS—748 and two Dornier—228 aircraft of Vayudoot are grounded for want of spare parts, orders for which have been placed on the suppliers abroad.

Apex Body for Higher Education

3137. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHIIA:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to form an apex body on higher education at National level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including its composition and functions likely to be assigned to this body?